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 Application No.: 09/896,855 Group Art Unit: 1714
 Filed: June 29, 2001 Examiner: Katarzyna I. Wyrozebski Lee
 Title: DEVICES, COMPOSITIONS, AND METHODS INCORPORATING ADHESIVES WHOSE PERFORMANCE IS ENHANCED BY ORGANOPHILIC CLAY CONSTITUENTS

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
 - a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on January 26, 2004
 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
 - b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/Supplemental IDS
 - iv. Other _____
2. A Request for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently

3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

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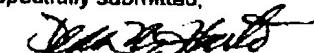
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i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii. Other _____

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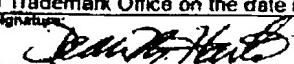
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